मनोहर जोशी जी के लिए, ताकि ये फिर से यह प्रश्न न पूछ लें कि पहली दफा आगे एक कदम बढ़ा है।...(व्यवधान)...

डॉ मुरली मनोहर जोशी: मैं तो अध्यापक हूं, बार-बार सवाल पूछूंगा, आपसे जवाब चाहता हूं।

श्री कमल नाथ: सर, पता नहीं इनको मेरा जवाब समझ नहीं आता या मुझे इनका प्रश्न समझ नहीं आता।...(व्यवधान)...

एक माननीय सदस्य: आपसे ज्यादा प्रेम हैं इन्हें।...(व्यवधान)...

श्री ललितभाई मेहता: जोशी जी तो आपके विभाग की पार्लियामेंटरी स्टैंडिंग कमेटी के चेयरमैन हैं।

SHRI KAMAL NATH: Sir, I think, very important issues are being treated casually because हमारा आज जो व्यापार पाकिस्तान से, खासकर जो regional engagement की बात है, अब तो पूरे विश्व में यह प्रयास है कि regional trade engagements हों और यह हमारा प्रयास पाकिस्तान से भी है। हमें उम्मीद है कि पाकिस्तान भी इसमें अब आगे कदम बढ़ाएगा।

श्री कृपाल परमार: सर, मैं माननीय मंत्री महोदय से जानना चाहता हूं कि भारत और पाकिस्तान के बीच जो आर्थिक सहयोग की बात चल रही है, यह तड़प दोनों तरफ से बराबर है या भारत कहीं एकतरफा मोहब्बत तो नहीं कर रहा? क्योंकि कहा जाता है कि:-

"इश्क इक-तरफा हो तो सज़ा देता है,

और दो-तरफा हो तो मज़ा लेता है।"

यह इश्क की आग दोनों तरफ से है या एक ही तरफ से?

श्री उपसभापति: शेरों-शायरी नहीं होगी। Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Reservation to SCs/STs and Physically Handicapped

*263. SHRI GANDHI AZAD: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the "All India Association for SCs/STs and Physically Handicapped Peoples Upliftment" has recently brought to the notice of

PMO the facts about reservation to SCs/STs and Physically Handicapped as per provision made in 1974 for NGOs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon; and

(c) if no action has been taken so far, the reasons therefor and by when, the action will be taken on 1974 provisions?

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MEIRA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Department of Personnel and Administrative Reforms, *vide* their O.M. No. 27/12/73-Estt. (SCT) dated 7.10.1974 directed that reservation for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes should be made applicable to the Voluntary Organizations, drawing grant-in-aid from Ministries, that meet the following criteria:

(i) The Voluntary Organisation employs more than 20 persons on a regular basis;

(ii) At least 50% of its recurring expenditure is met from Grant-in-Aid from the Central Government;

(iii) The body is a registered society; and

(iv) It is in receipt of a general purpose annual grant in aid of Rs. 2 lakh and above from the Consolidated Fund of India.

The letters of sanction of grant-in-aid that are issued to the NGOs by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment invariably include its provision. Further, in respect of sanctions issued under Assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids and Appliances/Deendayal Disabled Rehabilitation Scheme, it is stipulated that maximum number of disabled persons would be employed and implementation of the instructions applicable in Government of India would be ensured. Recently, the Ministry has reiterated these instructions and is giving time to the NGOs to comply with these instructions.

The letter received by PMO in October, 2004 does not made any mention of the 1974 directions.

Recognition to small and regional political parties

†*266. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a discussion has been held recently to reconsider recognition

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.